

Job #12 (Job chapter 11)

I. Zophar's Condemnation of Job – (Verses 1 – 12)

- A. Starts harsh treatment in verse 2 - Job is foolish because he talks much
 - 1. Proverbs 10:19; Ecc. 5:2; I Tim. 6:20
- B. V. 3 is good counsel in right time- when people lie we should speak up
 - 1. Should not be silent when false doctrine pervades (Acts 20:27 – 32)
- C. V. 3- Accuses Job of lying- but also stronger charge of mocking
 - 1. Perhaps reference back to 10:7 (You know I am not wicked)
 - 2. As falsely accused he is type of Jesus (Jn 2:18, 19 w. Matt 26:61)
 - 3. Job said he was not wicked (10:7) but never that he was clean
- D. As Christians we should strive for pure doctrine
- E. Verse 5 – We want God to speak to show others how bad they are
 - 1. Verse 6 – God would show them the secrets of wisdom
- F. Verse 6 – 11 once again deal with God's great attributes
- G. Verse 12 is variously translated – Stupid man can't get understanding
 - 1. Deals with man's spiritual darkness – I Cor. 2:14; Psalm 14:2, 3

II. Zophar's Counsel to Job (verses 13, 14)

- A. Though not right about Job's condition- gives good counsel here
- B. V. 13- Job should prepare his heart- (Not physical organ- but soul)
 - 1. Prepare it by emptying of sin and filling it with God – 2 Chron. 12:14
 - 2. Word prepare means to “direct, apply, establish or appoint”
 - a. Scripture speaks of a fixed heart – Ps. 57:7
 - 3. Heart is first thing that must be dealt with in man-Matt. 12:33, 34
 - a. Before we can be saved- God must first change our heart
 - b. Man cannot change his own heart any more than create a world
- C. Verse 14 – Good counsel though he doesn't understand Job's position
 - 1. In Job we see severe affliction doesn't mean person has great sin
 - 2. But sin can lead to judgment- and continued sin to severe judgment
 - a. David sin with Bathsheba forgiven but the child dies
- D. Job is told to put sin far away from him - I Thessalonians 5:22
 - 1. Abstain from any kind of breaking of the moral law
 - 2. We must put sin away from us in repentance-can't put too far away
 - 3. Keep it far away from us in its temptations
- E. Hebrew word for iniquity can mean any ill gotten gains
 - 1. Need to restore that to God or man- Luke 19:8, 9; Mal. 3:8 - 10
- F. Don't let wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles
 - 1. Can mean our mortal bodies – Romans 6:12; I Cor. 6:19
 - 2. Can mean our personal homes- Genesis 18:19;
 - 3. Can also mean in the public worship of the church

III. Zophar's Consolation to Job (Verses 15 – 20)

- A. You shall lift up your eyes- Gen. 4:5, 7- joy and confidence
- B. Without spot – Ephesians 5:26, 27- God sees us as spotless
- C. Be steadfast – Ephe. 4:14 –Not tossed about with winds of doctrine
- D. Shall not fear – Ps. 112:1, 6, 8; I John 4:18; Proverbs 28:1
- E. Forget thy misery-Rev. 21:4–Remember it happened but not in sorrow
- F. Other blessings listed in verses 16 – 19